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Annual membership renewal date is January 1st. Dues are still only $6.00 and lifetime memberships remain at $60.00 and may be paid in several installments. Please remit your dues payment promptly. Better yet, do it now before you get caught-up in the holiday hustle and bustle. Thanks for your cooperation.

Al Zaika

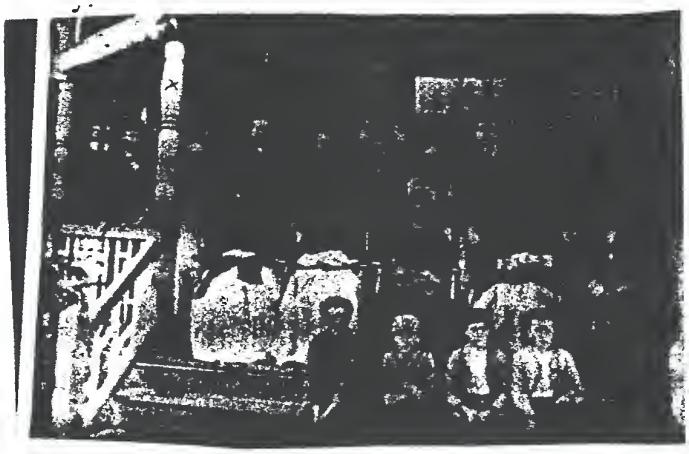
The Croneckers of Sea Isle City

Fritz and Caroline Cronecker were both German immigrants. Caroline left Germany when she was 18 years old, but there is no record concerning the departure of Fritz from his homeland. They were married in Philadelphia, Pa in 1879 and moved to Sea Isle City, NJ, shortly after, at a time when the resort was in its infancy.

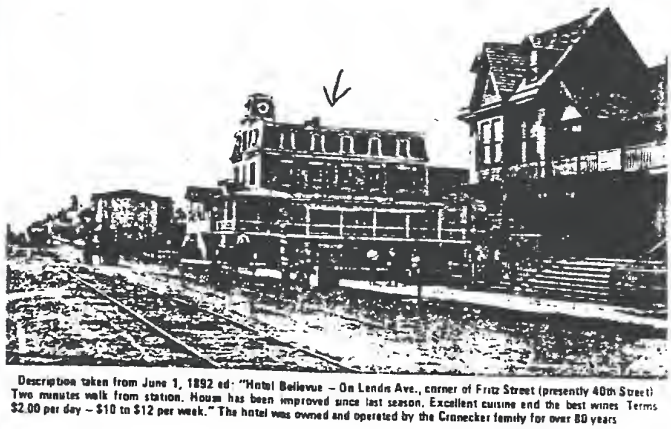
FRITZ CRONECKER

CAROLINE CRONECKER

In the summer of 1885, the Croneckers leased the Bellevue hotel for several years and then purchased the Depot Hotel, which ended in failure. They then leased the Tivoli hotel in 1895. It was in this year that Fritz died, leaving his widow with six small children and considerable debt. Powered by a strong will and determination, Caroline worked long hours, day and night, and made the hotel a success. She soon was able to purchase the Bellevue hotel and made it the most successful hotel in South Jersey. Although named the Bellevue, the hotel soon became known as Croneckers'.



Front porch of Tivoli Hotel. Mr. & Mrs. Cronecker are at upper left.



Description taken from June 1, 1892 ed: "Hotel Bellevue – On Landis Ave., corner of Fritz Street (presently 40th Street) Two minutes walk from station. House has been improved since last season. Excellent cuisine and the best wines Terms $2.00 per day – $10 to $12 per week." The hotel was owned and operated by the Cronecker family for over 80 years

Bellevue Hotel, (arrow).

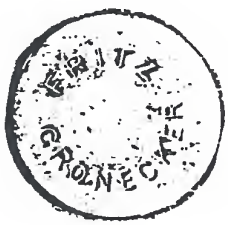
Caroline Cronecker was stricken with paralysis and died five days later on December 9, 1927, at age 77. She was survived by three sons, Frederick, George and Gustave and two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Pfeiffer and Mrs. Joseph Hocker. Caroline was a resident of Sea Isle City for more than forty-two years.

Soon after his mother's death, Gustave built a larger restaurant and bar into the hotel. The dining room was the largest one in the State of NJ at the time. The bar was on the Landis Ave. side and was about thirsty six feet long. The surviving hotel registers show that many prominent people were patrons, including J.P. Morgan, Woodrow Wilson and wife, John D. Rockefeller, Douglas Fairbanks, Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle and many other lesser-known celebrities.

The new bar and restaurant addition to the Bellevue.

After his brother Frederick died in 1950, Gustave continued to run the hotel for several more years. When the Cronecker boys passed on, Frederick's wife, Loretta, managed the business with the help of her niece, Margaret Pfieffer. The hotel was then sold to Margaret in 1962 and she operated it until her death. The property was sold to the Taglo Corp in 1973, who demolished the hotel in 1974 and built the La Costa motel and Liquor Lounge in its place.

The tokens illustrated below are the only ones known. They were issued when Fritz Cronecker was still living, since his name is on both tokens and when the Croneckers were operating the Depot or Tivoli. Since the reverse of one of the tokens is ground off, it most likely had the name of the hotel on it, so when the Bellevue was purchased, the hotel name was ground off and the tokens continued to be used at the Bellevue. The tokens were mostly likely used in the bar.



Aluminum, 25 mm.

Brass, 24 mm. blank reverse.

All of the above historic data and pictures were researched and furnished by Sandra Wunder of Woodbine, NJ. Many thanks "Sandy" – Al Zaika

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LOT # 1 WATCH FOB, B-32mm, 250TH ANNIV' OF BURLINGTON, N.J. 1927, by W&H, (SHIP & INDIAN)

LOT # 2 WATCH FOB, B-32mm, 250TH ANNIV' OF SALEM, N.J. 1925, by W&H, (MAN & INDIAN)

LOT # 3 WATCH FOB, B-37mm, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, 1928, RAHWAY, N.J. by W&H, (EAGLE & LOGO)

LOT # 4 WATCH FOB, B-27x43mm, CAMDEN (N.J), (ISSUED ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS FOBS ABOVE-LATE 20'S) by W&H, (CITY SEAL, TRAIN, SHIP, BRIDGE)

LOT # 5 HOBOKEN, N.J., 100 YEARS, 1955, B-32mm, HOLED, (CITY SEAL, SHIP, BOAT,BLDS.)

LOT # 6 ENCASED CENT, 1955D, ALUM., RD. (CENT XF-AU) GAS DRIES CLOTHES \ PENNY-A-LOAD

LOT # 7 OLYMPIC PARK (N.J.) CHRIS. KURTZ, 25¢, ALUM. Sc, 26mm

LOT # 8 (TIN TAB BUTTON) CASINO GAMBLING VOTE YES NOV. 5 1974, NEW JERSEY WINS

LOT # 9 5 DIFF' BEACH BADGES, 4 PLASTIC & ONE ALUM. THE ALUM. IS FROM SEASIDE PARK, 1973 SEASON

LOT #10 2 DIFF' PLASTIC TOKENS, THE BARBER SHOP (PT. PLEASANT & NO LONGER IN BUSINESS). SUNOCO, RT.34 OLD BRIDGE.

LOT #11 key tag, Iron, rust & dark but all wording is readable, WILLYS OVERLAND CO. (DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD WILLYS ? RETURN TO J.C. KENNEDY, HACKETTSTOWN, N.J.

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE ANYTHING TO HELP THE CLUB PLEASE LET ONE OF OUR OFFICERS HEAR FROM YOU OR SEND THE ITEMS TO GARY FOR A MAIL BID IN THE NEXT ISSUE - THANKS

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March 12, 2001

Mr. Andrew Zaika
201 Bergen Avenue
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

Mr. Zaika:

Although there was a Fort Rawnsley Hotel located in Trenton, I have found no mention of Mr. J. Alexander as its proprietor. It was built by an Englishman named Joshua Rawnsley in 1847. Because of its unusual appearance it was often referred to as Trenton's Flatiron Building. The Hotel was used as a recruiting station for the Mexican War. At one time it was a great Democratic stronghold, the scene of many political rallies, meetings, and pole raisings. The Hotel was demolished in 1936.

Sincerely,

Wendy Nardi

Wendy Nardi
Trentoniana

The above letter was in response to my inquiry concerning this token.

Obverse - The Fort Rawnsley/Hotel/J. Alexander/Prop.
Reverse - Good For/5/In Trade. Brass, 24 mm.

If you have any knowledge of this hotel, please notify me. - A. Z.

Wanted: Items related to the old Jersey City Stadium, (AKA) Roosevelt Stadium, and Roosevelt Stadium in North Bergen/Union City, NJ. George Dorsey, 168 E. Spring Valley Ave., Maywood, NJ 07107

Wanted: Bimetallic tokens from any state, NJ tokens, Lords Prayer medals, (13-19mm), Sofspra car wash tokens and Salada Tea baseball coins. (1962). Rocco DiGiacomo, 42 Sunset Dr., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-1915.

Wanted: Tokens, medals and watch FOBS that advertise the Whitehead & Hoag Co. or any that has a swastika on them. US only, price and write Gary Patterson, 10- 4th St., Manchester, NJ 08759.

Wanted: Encased cents and other coins, engraved coins, pop-outs, scenic love tokens, hobo nickels, potty dollars, just about anything made from coins. Send for my offer or call me at 407-352-7807. Bob Slawsky, PO Box 864, Windermere, FL 34786.

Obsolete or Broken Banknotes: From all counties in New Jersey, as well as Merchant Scrip, wanted for collection. Send photocopy or description. (Weit or Hexby #) to Tom O'Mara, 55 Rumson Road, Rumson, NJ 07760.

Dog License Tags: If you don't read ***PAW PRINTS***, you don't know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request. Bill Bone, Editor, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

Ocean County: Collecting and Researching all Ocean County obsolete and broken banknotes and merchant scrip. Want anything from Toms River 1850 to 1960, also notes issued in Bricksburg 1840's, Manchester 1840's....BUY - SELL - TRADE. Bob Mitchell, 629 Monmouth Way, Winter Park, FL 32792.

George Washington Inaugural Button Copies. Wanted, especially the different 1974 Liberty Village (Flemington NJ) copies, but others too, Write with description and price to F. Steimle, 2200 Appleby Drive, Wanamassa, NJ 07712-4636.

Hard Rock Café Pins Wanted. Will trade my Jersey Tokens & Medals and/or Playboy roulette chips for Hard Rock...Archie Black, PO Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723.

Wanted: Tickets, Transfers, Photographs, and any other items related to streetcars or busses in Scranton, Pa. Charles Wrobleski, 206 Green Street, Clarks Green, PA 18411.

New Jersey Amusement Token Listing. 76-page listing available for $7.00 postpaid from Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.

For Sale: 300 assorted tokens, to best offer. Charles Mikulek, Union, NJ, 07083, Tel. # 908-688-1144.

For Sale: Pathmark shopping cart, aluminum tokens $2.00 and SASE. Tokens are not obsolete. Al Zaika PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099-0065.

Wanted: Edison collector seeks Thomas Edison memorabilia, esp. medals, tokens, and souvenirs. Please write with full description and price. Also interested in first and second-hand accounts of Mr. Edison and his legend. George Skic E-Mail: mercerhill@peoplepc.com.

For Sale: 900 NJ Food Stamp Tokens, mostly different, arranged in complete sets 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, by location within town in binder. Best Offer by 12/15/01. Dave Wilson (732) 365-0207, P.O.B. 567, Jackson, NJ 08627.

Buy or Swap: WWI medals, will buy, swap or correspond on WWI service medals issued by states, cities or towns. Lou Small, Box 19262, Jacksonville, FL 32245-(NJ)

The United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Co. $1,000 bond issued and cancelled, with vignette of trains running alongside of canal and overhead power lines. Has 12 coupons remaining - $6.00 postpaid. Al Zaika, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08031-0065.

United States Internal Revenue Distillery Warehouse Stamp Series 1878. Sheet of 4 $12.00 postpaid or trade for NJ tokens, medals, ephemera, etc. Stephen Kawalec, PO Box 4281, Clifton, NJ 07012.

For Sale: Individuals interested in the "31 Wooden Dollars" wooden flat, celebrating the 31st Anniversary Banquet of the Ocean County Coin Club in NJ can obtain one by sending $1 and a SASE to: O.C.C.C., 65 – 16th St., Toms River, NJ 08753. The collectible reflects the club logo, a Graf Zeppelin and a Shrimp Boat on the reverse, based on the banquet being held at the Shrimp Box in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ.

In Memorandum

Gerald "Jerry" Zara died on August 18th at the Burnt Tavern R&H Care Center, Brick, NJ, at age 62.

Jerry was a Life Member No. 2 of NJES and also served as our First Treasurer for several years. He also served as a G.S.N.A. President, Vice President and Treasurer and President and Editor of the Ocean County Coin Club.

He was an avid collector of New Jersey exonumia, but his first love was prison tokens and related memorabilia. He co-authored the first prison money catalogue and was the sole author of the second catalogue, published in 1992.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Carol, sons, Richard and John, daughter, Kathleen, brother Ralph and five grandchildren.

Rest peacefully Old Friend. Al Zaika

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